

State**Parts of Districts of**

Tamil Nadu

Dharmapuri, Periyar, South Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirappalli, Kamarajar, V.O. Chidambaram.

Uttar Pradesh

Agra, Aligarh, Fatehpur, Mathura, Hamirpur.

[Translation]

Doordarshan Coverage in Maharashtra

6169. SHRIVILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the districts of Maharashtra have been covered by the Doordarshan;

(b) if not, the names of districts which have not been covered so far;

(c) whether the process for linking these districts with microwave system has been started; and

(d) if so, the time by which the telecast of Doordarshan programmes is likely to start in all districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS): (a) and (b). All the districts in the State of Maharashtra are, at present, covered by TV service either wholly or partially.

(c) Instead of microwave linkage, satellite mode of linkage has been adopted for the purpose of telecast of regional service in Maharashtra. The various high and low power TV transmitters in Maharashtra are linked to Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay, via satellite for relay of regional service programmes.

(d) TV service in 10 districts of Maharashtra is expected to improve consequent upon commissioning of various transmitters under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Maharashtra.

[English]

Bisra Stone Lime Ltd.

6170. SHRIMATI RIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bisra Stone Lime Limited is on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to revamp its functioning;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). Government is closely monitoring the performance of the Company. Various steps have been taken which include extending financial assistance; marketing tie ups; improvement in production and productivity etc. In the last two months

signs of improvement in its performance have become visible.

[Translation]

Water from Ganga-Yamuna to Rajasthan

6171. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quantity of water is being supplied to Rajasthan as per the agreement signed in 1957;

(b) if not, the reasons for not supplying the due share of water to Rajasthan after thirty-five years of agreement;

(c) whether the Union government propose to intervene for the supply of water of the Ganga-Yamuna to Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the time by which the water is likely to be supplied from the Ganga-Yamuna rivers to the Bharatpur, Sowai-Madhopur and Alwar districts of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) There is no such agreement signed in 1957 in regard to supply of water from Ganga-Yamuna to Rajasthan.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d). Allocation of available Yamuna waters between Basin States are yet to be settled. However, Rajasthan is already utilising about 11 Crore Cubic Metre of Yamuna waters. As regards the waters of Ganga, the National Water Development Agency has under the National perspective of Water Resources Development, recently taken up a broad based study of the Himalayan Rivers Development component which *inter-alia* envisages diversion of surplus

monsoon waters from River Ganga and its eastern tributaries to the waters short areas of Rajasthan also. Their report is expected to be available by the end of the 8th Plan.

[English]

Construction of Power Projects in States

6172. SHIR MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CH-
OUDHARY:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN:
SHR SRIKANTA JENA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some power generation units are under construction in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the location thereof;

(c) whether the work on these units has been progressing as per the envisaged plan.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) Details of thermal and hydel power projects under execution in Bihar, U.P., Orissa and Gujarat are given at Annexure. Though the construction work on all the projects is progressing in a planned manner, still there are unavoidable delays, reasons for which have also been indicated in the Statement.